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DAYS OF
FUTURE YET
TO COME!



**THE
HUNT
BEGINS!**



DRAGON MONTH
MAY 93

THE POWERFUL CAPTAIN BRITAIN, THE SHAPE-CHANGING MEGGAN, THE INTANGIBLE SHADOWCAT, THE TELEPORTING NIGHTCRAWLER, THE MYSTERIOUS PHOENIX, THE EVER-UNPREDICTABLE WIDGET AND LOCKHEED THE DRAGON FORGED IN THE FIRES OF THEIR TRAGIC PASTS, THEY HAVE BANNED TOGETHER TO FIGHT A MODERN DAY CRUSADE AGAINST THE FORCES OF EVIL! STAN LEE PRESENTS...



KATE PRYDE,
FEMALE MUTANT
PHASER.

ARRESTED WITH
OTHER MEMBERS
OF THE OUTLAWED
X-MAN ORGANIZATION
10.1.2009.

FOUND GUILTY OF
NUMEROUS COUNTS
OF TERRORISM AND
VIOLATING THE GENETIC
PURITY ACT OF 1994.

SENTENCED TO LIFE
IMPRISONMENT IN THE
SOUTH BRACKX MUTANT
INTERVENTION CENTER
10.8.2009.

ESCAPED
NINE DAYS
AGO.

FIVE OF HER
ACCOMPLICES
WERE "REIN-
NATED"

BUT THE SIXTH,
RACHEL SUMMERS,
IS STILL FREE.

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WITH THE LAST VESTIGE
OF FADING STRENGTH
SHE PHASES...

...DISRUPTING
DELICATE
CIRCUITRY.

FOR A MOMENT THE
TEMPORAL PORTAL
FLARES OUT OF
CONTROL...

THEN IT
WATZES...

...TEARING SAVAGELY
THROUGH THE FABRIC
OF TIME AND SPACE.

THE PAST AND
FUTURE KNOT
IN A TANGLED
INSTANT...

...WITHOUT ORDER
OR SENSE...OR
LOGIC.

THEN, AT THE
CENTER OF
RASHED MOMENTS,
A FOCUS APPEARS.

FILAMENTS OF
ETERNITY SPIN
AND WEAVE.

WOUNDED TIME
HEALS.

BACK TO THE PRESENT

EARTH,
2015 A.D.

STATUS
REPORT...

PROGRAM PARAMETERS
EXCEEDED, DATA
ANALYSIS IN PROGRESS.

SPECULATION--
PSYCHO-CYBERNETIC
TEMPORAL FUSION...

...REQUEST EXTERNAL
CONFIRMATION...

...REQUEST EXTERNAL
CONFIRMATION...

WHO IS IT
SPEAKING
TO ?

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EXCALIBUR CREATED
BY CHRIS CLAREMONT
AND ALAN DAVIS



IT DOESN'T
SEEM TO BE
AWARE OF OUR
PRESENCE.

WHO OR
WHAT IS
IT?

INSUFFICIENT DATA,
PROFESSOR QUINN.
ENTITY ABSORBING
ALL SCAN WAVE-
LENGTHS.

I, AHAB--MASTER
OF THE HOUNDS, AM
THE GUARDIAN OF
TIME.



THIS CHAMBER
HAS BEEN A TEMPORAL
HOT SPOT SINCE THE
DISAPPEARANCE OF
KATE DRYDE AND
MONITOR UNIT FIVE.

STABILITY RETURNED
WHEN THIS ENTITY APPEARED
THREE HOURS AGO. LOGS
SUGGESTS THE TWO EVENTS
ARE LINKED.

THIS MATTER IS
NOT YOUR CONCERN,
QUINN.



YOUR VENDETTA
AGAINST RACHEL SUMMERS
HAS DRIVEN YOU TO GREAT
HEIGHTS... BUT I AM THE
AUTHORITY OF THIS
LABORATORY.

SINCE LAST WE
MET, I HAVE EN-
COUNTERED SUMMERS.
NOT IN OUR PAST, BUT
IN THAT OF A PARALLEL
DIMENSION.



SHE WAS
MARSHALLING AN
ARMY OF MUTANTS
TO ATTACK US.

I BELIEVE THIS
ENTITY IS A PROBE
TO TEST OUR
DEFENSES.





EARTH.
1993 A.D.

WHERE EXCALIBUR
HAS JUST RETURNED
TO BROADBROOK MANOR
AFTER THEIR RECENT
ESCAPE FROM CLOUD
NINE.

WHY SO GLUM,
RAY? I THOUGHT
YOU'D BE GLAD
TO BE HOME.

THE LIGHTHOUSE
WAS OUR "HOME"
BEFORE THE PHOENIX
TOOK ME INTO SPACE.

SO MUCH HAS
CHANGED
WHILE I
WAS AWAY.

HOME?



YEAH. I'M
FINDING IT
HARD TO KEEP
UP MYSELF.



KURT AND
KYLIN'S COSTUMES
GET SHREDDED, SO
SEAKNORM MADE
THEM NEW ONES.

I SHOULD HAVE
HAD HIM WORK ON
MINE. I'VE BEEN
THINKING ABOUT
A NEW LOOK.



NOW THAT YOU HAVE
A NEW COSTUME, I'M
THE ONLY FOUNDING
MEMBER OF EXCALIBUR
IN MY ORIGINAL GEAR.
IT'S BAD FOR MY
IMAGE.

IT'S NOT JUST
CLOTHES, KITTY.
LOOK AT KURT
AND GERRIE.

HEY, YOU'RE
RIGHT. THEY LOOK
PRETTY INTENSE.



I KNEW THEY WERE
SPENDING TIME
TOGETHER, BUT I
MEAN, THEY HARDLY
KNOW EACH OTHER.
IT CAN'T BE SERIOUS.

WHY NOT?
BECAUSE THEY FELL
IN LOVE SO
QUICKLY?

YOU'RE TOO
YOUNG TO BE
A CYNIC,
KITTY.



WE SHOULD
ALL LIVE FOR
THE MOMENT. IT
COULD BE OUR
LAST.





2015 A.D.

THE CHAMBER
OF SENTINEL
HIERARCHY.

SENTINEL PRIME
DIRECTIVE TO
ENSURE GENETIC
PURITY OF THE
HUMAN SPECIES.

LOGICAL TO
CONTINUE PURI-
FICATION IN
TANGENTIAL TIME-
LINES WHEN
THIS EARTH IS
PURGED.

BUT WE CAN'T
WAIT. SUMMERS
COULD ATTACK
AT ANY TIME.
WE MUST ATTACK
FIRST.

NOT FEASIBLE
WITH CURRENT UNIT
CAPACITY. HOLDING
MASTER AHAS.

SENTINEL FORCES
COMMITTED TO COMBAT
SOVIET SUPER SOLDIERS,
ASIAN ALLIANCE MEGAM-
ROBOTS, PLUS PODDERS
OF RESISTANCE IN
EUROPE AND SOUTH
AMERICA.

IMMEDIATE STRATEGY,
DEFENSIVE. PROBE
ENTITY ENERGY SIGNATURE
REGISTERED. ORBITAL
MONITORS REALIGNED
TO INTERCEPT FURTHER
TANGENTIAL THREATS.
IMMEDIATE RESPONSE
ASSURED.

PROSPECTIVE STRATEGY.
STAGE ONE. NINAROD
PROJECT - ESTIMATE
PRODUCTION CAPACITY
IN 45.7 DAYS. FUNCTIONAL
MOBILIZATION IN 160.30
DAYS.

STAGE TWO.
SENTINEL COLONIES
STATIONED IN ALL
TANGENTIAL TIME
LINES.

STAGE THREE.
ALL MUTANTKIND
WILL BE ERADI-
CATED.

1993 A.D.

KATE PRYDE
SENT ME BACK
IN TIME TO
GIVE ME A
CHANCE OF
LIVING.

BUT I CAN'T
LIVE HERE IN
COMFORTABLE
SECURITY WHILE
MY WORLD IS
STILL SUFFER-
ING.

WHAT CAN
YOU DO ON
YOUR OWN?

I'M PHOENIX.
I HAVE TO
TRY.

THEN TAKE
US WITH
YOU.

EVEN IF I COULD,
I WOULDN'T. IT'S
MY RISK. I ONLY
CAME HERE TO
SAY GOODBYE.

JUST IN CASE
I DON'T MAKE
IT BACK.

TRAVELING IN TIME
IS LIKE DIVING INTO
A VAST OCEAN. YOU
CAN'T NAVIGATE. YOU'RE
SWEEPED ALONG BY
THE TIDE.

THE TIDE
OF DESTINY.

I CAN'T.

SO ACCEPT
YOUR HERE,
WITH US.

LET'S
AT LEAST
DISCUSS
IT.

IT'S TOO
LATE. I'M
COMMITTED.
I WAS
AFRAID YOU
WOULD TALK
ME INTO
STAYING.

NO, RACHEL...
WAIT!

RACHEL!

OH,
RACHEL...

AAAAA!









I MUST
WARN RACHEL...

ALBION! SHE...
IT IS PREPARING
TO TELEPORT
AWAY. I CAN'T
STOP HER.

AT LEAST WE
HAVE STOPPED
THE SENTINELS
FROM CAPTURING
IT.



URKKT!

FOOL!
ALL YOU
HAVE WON...

...IS A
SWIFT
DEATH!



OUT OF MY
WAY, WOMAN.
BROTHER, RESTRAIN
THE PROBE.

RESTRAINT
INITIATED.

RACHEL!
RACHEL!

IT'S ME, MATE.
PRIDE. REMEMBER.
REMEMBER! TRUST
ME, PLEASE!



PROBE
SECURED

AAAH!

CORRECTION.
THE PROBE IS
A MULTI-DIMENSIONAL
PRESENCE.



IT IS
BURNING
SPACE-
TIME.

PAIN... PAIN
IS UNENDUR-
ABLE...

OUR IMMEDIATE
VICINITY IS
EXPERIENCING
A TIME-QUAKE,
KURT.

WE ARE BEING
TORN OUT OF
REAL TIME.

RACHEL! RACHEL!
STOP! YOU ARE
RIPPING THE MANOR
APART.

RACHEL!
PULL YOURSELF
TOGETHER.

WHAT'S
HAPPENING?
WHO IS BEHIND
THIS?

IT CAN'T
BE... SHE'S
DEAD, BUT...

WHO IS?
WHAT'S
HAPPENING,
RACHEL?

MY MIND
TOUCHED
SOMETHING...
...SOMETHING...
COLD, ALIEN...

...BUT INSIDE,
SLEEPING IT
WAS HER.

I THOUGHT
SHE WAS DEAD.

...BUT WHEN I
TOUCHED HER MIND,
SHE WOKE UP!

IT'S NOT
ME. IT'S
NOT ME!

I HADN'T
BEGUN TO
TIME-WARP.

I WAS JUST
PROJECTING MY
MIND.

I CAN'T
DO THIS...

IT'S...
IT'S...

RACHEL!
RACHEL!

WIDGET?!

IT'S ME, KATE.
PLEASE, REMEMBER.
REMEMBER! TRUST
ME, PLEASE!

KATE...?

AAAGH!

SOMETHING IS
TRYING TO ANCHOR
WIDGET. THE
RESULTING FOURTH-
DIMENSIONAL RIFT
IS CREATING A TIME-
LINE INTERFACE.



IT'S A SENTINEL.

PAIN...PAIN UNENDURABLE...

SENTINELS... SENTINELS...

...MASSING--FINAL CONFRONTATION--

MUTANTING...POONED...

IT'S SUMMERS: I KNEW IT!

SPOT2, STABILIZE THE INTERFACE.

KATE! KATE, WHAT'S HAPPENING?

WOW... WHA...!

THE OTHERS... THEY'RE FROZEN-- LIKE STATUES.

IF I'M NOT DREAMING... I MUST BE IN SOME SORT OF TIME-WARP?

IMPERATIVE WE STOP SENTINELS...

ABAH IS USING KATE TO CREATE A DOORWAY TO RACHEL. I CAN SENSE HIS HATRED.

I DON'T KNOW WHO SHE IS... BUT ANY ENEMY OF THE SENTINELS IS AN ALLY.

IF I'M LUCKY, I CAN BREACH HIS BIONIC PSI-SHIELDS WITH A FOCUSED BIO-ELECTRICAL BLAST.

I'LL ENJOY FRYING HIS BRAIN.

STOP STOP...

ABAH!

PEERLESS POWER? YOU
DON'T KNOW THE MEANING
OF THE WORDS, AHA!

ALARM!
HOUND MASTER,
DISABLED.

NOT
AGAIN...NOT
AGAIN!

INITIATING
TACTICAL
RETREAT--

SECURE
PRIMARY
TARGETS.

... AND RETURN
TO BASE.

IN THE INSTANT
THAT THE SENTINEL
TELEPORTS...

...TIDES OF TIME,
HELD AT BAY BY
WICKET BURD
AND CRASH WITH
EXPLOSIVE FORCE.

... THEN, JUST AS
SUDDENLY, THE
CURRENTS TOOK
NORMAL FLOW.

CAN YOU
HELP US FIND
RACHEL AND
WIDGET?

I'M AFRAID
THAT'S IMPOSS-
IBLE. THEY
WERE TELE-
PORTED STRAIGHT
TO SENTINEL
H.Q.

WHERE IS
IT? HOW
DO WE GET
THERE?

YOU'D
HAVE TO BE INSANE
TO GO. THE SENTINELS
DOMINATE THIS
EARTH.

THERE
ARE MILLIONS OF THEM.
EACH LEARNING FROM
THE OTHERS' EXPERIENCE.
EACH CAPABLE OF ADAPT-
ING TO OVERCOME ANY
FOE.

WE HAVE ENCOUNTERED
THE SENTINELS BEFORE.

THEN YOU MUST
KNOW THAT YOUR
FRIENDS ARE
LOST.

NOT
WHILE HOPE
ENDURES.

BUT EVEN IF
THEY ARE, WE
HAVE NOT THE
POWER TO
RETURN HOME.

WE ARE
STRANDED SO
OUR CHOICE
IS SIMPLE.

WE EITHER
DEFEAT THE
SENTINELS...
OR DIE
TRYING.

NEXT ISSUE!
DAYS OF FUTURE
YET TO COME.

SWORD STROKES

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Attention correspondents: if you don't want your full address printed, please be sure to tell us so!

Dear Alan,

Just a brief thought here. If the Phoenix entity's power really works the way Galactus claimed in issue #61, then any battle between the two should be very brief and very one-sided. To wit:

PHOENIX: Stop! You must not consume that world!

GALACTUS: Now that you are here, I don't need to.

P: Huh?

G: Slurp!

P: AAAARRRRRGGGGH!!H..

G: "burp" Aashhh.

Anyway, it's just a thought...

Gosh, those "Meamehile..." splash pages sure were impressive. Both Phoenix and Galactus were cosmically majestic, as befit them. The colors looked a trifle washed-out in places, though. A printing problem?

Thank you a thousand times for doing away with the Captain-Britain-as-dumy-oaf nonsense. That bit was getting tiresome. Having Brian propose to Meggan was quite a surprise, but I see by the shadowy figure watching them through the telescopic sight that the road ahead will not be smooth.

Anyway, you keep crankin' and I'll keep buyin'. Bye.

Mike Lansley
29 Rooftop Circle
Mechanicville, MD 20650

Thanks for making us smile, Mike!

Dear Alan and Terry,

EXCALIBUR is definitely the best comic series in the multiverse.

Angel Medina
(Address withheld upon request)

'Nuff said!

Dear Sword Strokes,

I must make a confession. I only started reading EXCALIBUR because I like Nightcrawler. I really did not think that the other characters would amount to anything. Stab me with a million swords, I was wrong! This comic has a coherent group of three-dimensional characters. I am glad I was wrong.

I am speaking of issue #61. The fight between Phoenix and Galactus astounded me. Brian's proposal to Meggan reached out and gripped a normally cynical heart. The interaction between the characters is very well thought out. The art — outstanding!

All of this — and Nightcrawler, too! Consider me a total EXCALIBUR fan who is currently looking for any and all back issues. Thank!

Travis Sharpe
363 Ash St.
Morristown, TN 37813

Thanks for the kind praise, Travis!

Dear Terry,

EXCALIBUR is perfect...Don't change a thing, except Nightcrawler's costume! He's

had the thing since GIANT-SIZED X-MEN #11

Jeff Derrickson
907 Largo Dr.
Baytown, TX 77520

Were you reading our mind, Jeff?
Watch this space next month for reactions to our furry friend's new duds!

Dear Sword Strokes,

Thank you! Thank you! You finally brought her back! My favorite character, Phoenix, is back! Issue #61 was great! The cover was awesome! Phoenix never looked better! I recently got the EXCALIBUR poster, and Phoenix looked great in the Dark Phoenix costume. How about giving her the Dark Phoenix costume in the comic book?

It's about time that Brian proposed to Meggan. They are perfect together. Now you have to make Cerise and Nightcrawler a couple and have Amanda Sefton show up at a very inconvenient time. That would be great.

EXCALIBUR is the greatest comic book ever. Alan Davis and the others have done a terrific job. Keep up the great work. Also — more Phoenix!

Steve White
Rock Run Rd.
Pottstown, PA 19464

Wow! Is it something in the water, Steve, or do you read minds as well? Guess we had at least one happy camper when Rachel showed up in the Dark Phoenix's nifty outfit!

Dear Sirs,

If Shadowcat were to spend one hour each day helping Meggan learn to read and write, would that make her a teenage mutant ninja tutor?

James S. Leatham
RD 2 Box 198 Laroe Road
Chester, NY 10918

Heh.

Dear Sword Strokes,

Hi, Excalibur! I really like you. I loved issue #61. I think I have about fourteen issues of EXCALIBUR. I really like 'em, too. They're the best! I love all the pictures and cool stuff.

Sorry for the misspelled words. I'm seven years old.

Nicholas Roy
Box 353
Westford, MA 01886

We understood your letter perfectly, Nicholas, and corrected any spelling mistakes! Thanks for writing!

Dear Sword Strokes,

I just had to write and tell you how your title has made a difference in my life. You see, I have just started reading (with issue

#55) and I have to admit that I love it! It always brings a smile to my face.

Since I have been reading the title I have started to do weird things. You see, when I read the electronic billboards on my computer, I notice that EXCALIBUR doesn't get the attention it deserves, and this makes me mad. It's a great title and it deserves the fame that the other X-titles have.

So, in an effort to promote this title, I have done some crazy things. One day, I stood on the main road of my neighborhood with a big sign that read: "Read EXCALIBUR! The adventures of the X-Men Across The Ocean! EXCALIBUR is a monthly comic produced by Marvel Comics. Pick up an issue today!"

Well, even though I was totally embarrassed, I stuck with it and stood out there for one and a half hours. I think I got you guys some new readers during my time standing on the street. Several people stopped and asked me what I was doing. I simply told them, "I'm trying to promote a great comic that deserves more attention." Some people even asked me where comic book stores were in the area. So hopefully those people will someday stop and pick up an issue of EXCALIBUR.

I have a friend that is the editor of the high school newspaper in town. He agreed that if I wrote a review of EXCALIBUR, he would run it in the school paper! That means that 1,800 students will learn about EXCALIBUR! Who knows how many of them will pick up a copy one day.

I am trying to think of other ways to help promote your comic. You guys are really doing a great job, and you deserve more credit and a larger readership. Hopefully, I can contribute a little bit to your cause by the little things that I am doing.

I will continue to read EXCALIBUR as long as it is on the stands. I am already trying to find back issues so that I can have a complete collection of EXCALIBUR. It's going to be hard to find issues #1-54, but you guys are worth it!

Long Live Excalibur!

Tim Valdivia
1109 Silver Maple
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Gee, Tim...gosh...wow...we're just speechless! You are definitely a person of action — and we thank you for it! It's great to have readers like you!

NEXT ISSUE: Excalibur joins Phoenix in the battle to save the future. But one member won't make it back...

